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SUBJECT: NEW ZEALAND - GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
TRADE AGREEMENT

1. ECONOFF THIS WEEK QUERIED FOREIGN MINISTRY AND
DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY CONCERNING TRADE
AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH THE GDR ON APRIL 21. BOTH
DEPARTMENTS TOOK VERY LOW KEY ATTITUDE SAYING THAT
AGREEMENT WAS AT GDR REQUEST AND THAT IT SIMPLY
CONFIRMED MFN TREATMENT WHICH WAS BEING GIVEN IN PRACTICE
ANYWAY. TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IS MINIMAL AND
THE NEW ZEALAND TRADE OFFICIAL WITH WHOM WE SPOKE SAW
LITTLE CHANCE FOR ADDITIONAL COMMERCE IN THE FUTURE.

2. ONE INTERESTING ASPECT OF THE MATTER WAS THE ATTEMPT
BY THE GDR TEAM TO REOPEN SUBSTANTIVE POINTS WHICH THE
NEW ZEALANDERS FELT HAD ALREADY BEEN AGREED TO EARLIER
BETWEEN BERLIN AND THE NEW ZEALAND EMBASSY IN LONDON.
EXPOSED TO THIS LAST MINUTE PRESSURE TECHNIQUE IN THEIR
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EARLIER FISHERIES TALKS WITH THE USSR, THE NEW ZEALANDERS
REACTED IN THE SAME WAY. THEY SIMPLY TOLD THE GDR
TO TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT. THE GERMANS TOOK THE BASIC TEXT.

3. THE NEW ZEALANDERS WERE ALSO SOMEWHAT SURPRISED BY
THE GDR RELUCTANCE TO ALLOW ANY COMPROMISE OF GDR MFN
STATUS IN RELATIONSHIP TO IMPORTS INTO NEW ZEALAND FROM

LDC'S UNDER COMMONLY ACCEPTED INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS,
SUCH AS OUR OWN GSP. THE GERMANS RELUCTANTLY GAVE IN HERE
AS WELL.

4. FINALLY, THE GERMANS ASKED FOR REMOVAL OF GENERAL
LANGUAGE ALLOWING EITHER PARTY TO CONCLUDE SPECIAL
ARRANGEMENTS WITH STATES SHARING A COMMON BORDER.
THE NEW ZEALANDERS THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE A ROUTINE CONSID-
ERATION FOR THE GDR AND HAD INCLUDED IT IN THEIR DRAFT
(NEW ZEALAND, AS AN ISLAND STATE HAD NO INTEREST ITSELF
IN SUCH LANGUAGE) - THE GDR INSISTED THIS LANGUAGE BE
REMOVED ENTIRELY; THE NEW ZEALANDERS WILLINGLY COMPLIED.

5. COPIES OF THE AGREEMENT WILL BE POUCHED TO ADDRESSEES.
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